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Mail Stop Patent Application
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NEW UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner:

Herewith is the utility patent application of Applicant:

Paul V. Cooper

TITLE: COUPLINGS FOR MOLTEN METAL DEVICES

Including:

- ☐ Declaration
- ☒ Abstract
- 20 Pages of Specification (only specification and claims)
- 35 Numbered claims(s)
- 22 Sheets of drawing: ☒ informal ☐ formal
- ☐ This is a filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.47 (Petition attached)
- ☐ Attached: Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.99
- ☐ Attached: Form PTO No. 1449
- ☐ Attached is an Assignment to _____
- ☐ Attached: Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet
- ☒ Applicant asserts "small entity" status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27
- ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 37 C.F.R. §1.55 and 35 U.S.C. §119 based on prior U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/395,471, filed July 12, 2002.
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**THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED
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	Claims filed		Basic claims		Present Extra		Fees
Basic Fee:							\$ 750.00
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Independent Claims	6	minus	3	=	3	x \$ 84.00	\$252.00
						Subtotal	= \$1,272.00
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TOTAL FILING FEE							= \$636.00
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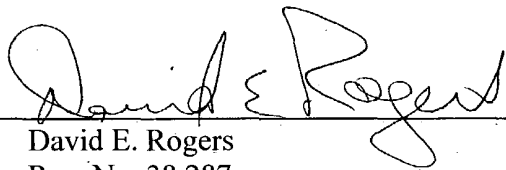
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